Remarks for the MPACT Press Conference September 26, 2001

Thank you, Marshall, and I am pleased to be here as part of the 2001 MPACT Enrollment Kickoff.

The Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program offers the children of Mississippi an opportunity to make the most of their education, and it offers parents an option for covering the costs of that education.

By taking advantage of this program now, parents can breathe a little easier when the college years roll around because they know they are ready for them. Investing now for future payoffs – it's an investment in our children, it's an investment in our state, and we will all benefit.

As part of this kickoff, I am proud to proclaim the month of October as "College Savings Month," and I have a proclamation here to share with you.

(read proclamation)

Education is the greatest investment we can make in our state, and MPACT is a great vehicle for making that investment. Thank you, Marshall, for your good work in helping build for our future.

Thank you.